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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INFO ON AFGHAN REFUGEES FROM UNHCR

1. UNDP DEPUTY RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE HANS VON SPONECK, WHO ACTS FOR THE UNHCR IN PAKISTAN, CALLED ON DCM AUGUST 13 TO ASK FOR ANY INFORMATION WE HAD ON THE NUMBER OF AFGHAN REFUGEES COMING OVER THE BORDER INTO PAKISTAN. VON SPONECK SAID THAT ON AUGUST 3 HE WAS CONTACTED BY A GROUP CALLING ITSELF THE JAMIAT-I-ISLAMI OF AFGHANISTAN, AND WAS GIVEN A LETTER FROM THE GROUP ADDRESSED TO UN SECGEN WALDHEIM. THE MISSIVE CONTAINS THE STANDARD RIGHT-WING POSITION ON THE APRIL COUP, AND STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE PRESENT REGIME IN KABUL. (COPY OF LETTER BEING POUCHED TO KABUL.)

2. VON SPONECK SAID THE GROUP RAISED THE ISSUE OF AFGHAN REFUGEES. THE JAMIAT DELEGATION SAID THAT THERE ARE NOW "MANY REFUGEES" IN THE TRIBAL AREAS WHO NEED MATERIAL ASSISTANCE, AND THAT IF THE UN WOULD CONSIDER ESTABLISHING A FULL REFUGEE PROGRAM, THEY WOULD PROVIDE TO THE UN THE NAMES OF MANY MORE NEEDY AFGHANS LIVING IN THE TRIBAL BELT. VON SPONECK TOLD THE JAMIAT DELEGATION THAT HE WOULD TRANSMIT THE LETTER TO THE UN, BUT COULD MAKE NO PROMISES. HE FORWARDED THE LETTER TO GENEVA, AND HAS RECEIVED A RESPONSE FROM UNHCR ASKING FOR A FULLER ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION.

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3. VON SPONECK ASKED IF WE COULD SHED ANY LIGHT ON:

--THE COMPOSITION AND BACKGROUND OF THE JAMIAT-I-ISLAMI OF AFGHANISTAN;

--THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES THAT HAVE COME TO PAKISTAN'S TRIBAL

AREAS SINCE THE COUP.

4. WE HAVE LITTLE INFORMATION ON EITHER COUNT, BUT NOTED THAT DETERMINING AN EXACT NUMBER OF REFUGEES, GIVEN TRADITIONAL MIGRATION AND THE NOTORIOUSLY POROUS BORDER, WOULD BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE. WE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT IF A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF REFUGEES HAD ARRIVED FROM AFGHANISTAN, THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN NOTICED BY NOW. WE AGREED TO QUERY EMBASSY KABUL FOR THEIR BEST ESTIMATES.

5. FYI. VON SPONECK HAS ALSO APPROACHED THE BRITISH HERE, WHO WERE UNABLE TO ADD MUCH MORE. HE HAS ALSO CONTACTED THE MFA'S AFGHAN DESK, WHERE HE GOT THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT A GOP POLICY ON REFUGEES HAS YET TO BE FORMULATED. HE FELT THAT IF THE UN GOT INTO A REFUGEE PROGRAM OF SOME DESCRIPTION, THEY WOULD REQUIRE GOP APPROVAL. HE NOTED THAT GOP WOULD OF COURSE BE RELUCTANT FOR POLITICAL REASONS TO UNDERTAKE AN EXTENSIVE REFUGEE PROGRAM, ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT BE WILLING TO GIVE APPROVAL TO A UN EFFORT IF THE NEED AROSE.

6. FOR KABUL: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU HAVE WHICH WE COULD PASS TO VON SPONECK ON THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES, AND ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE JAMIAT-I-ISLAMI OF AFGHANISTAN.
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